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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Supplemental Application Data Sheet; and
3. Return postcard.

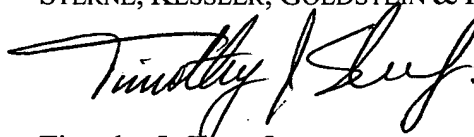
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Respectfully submitted,

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